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HARRY GOLD has stated he received his instructions from and obtained the atomic energy information from GREENGLASS for ANATOLI YAKOVLEV. It would, therefore, appear that this half of the Jello box which was furnished to GOLD had been turned over to YAKOVLEV by ROSENBERG. There is no definite evidence, however, to show whether YAKOVLEV received this directly from ROSENBERG.

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In this connection it might be noted that important espionage subjects such as JOEL BARR, JACK SOBLE, and JOSEPH KATZ are presently reported to be in France, and the possibility might be considered that YAKOVLEV's network of agents might still be directed by him from France.

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It is felt that the results of the investigation thus far in the ROSENBERG case reflects that information received through that group was very important and, accordingly, would have increased the prestige of the Soviet official handling this group in the eyes of the Soviet Intelligence Service. It is further noted that KVASSNICOV returned to the Soviet Union in 1945 at a time when the operations of this ring were still extensive. It is not believed that the Soviets would have replaced the

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the superior of such a successful ring at that particular time. As stated
in the report, it is noted that YAKOVLEV remained in the United States until
December 27, 1946. The cause of YAKOVLEV's leaving at that particular
time might have been due to the fact that, according to HARRY GOLD, the
latter told YAKOVLEV that FUCHS had been arrested in Great Britain and that
a story of his arrest had appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune", Sunday
edition, in the last week of July, 1946. According to GOLD, YAKOVLEV
appeared horrified at hearing this information. In addition, YAKOVLEV
also inquired as to the type of job GOLD had in New York, and when GOLD
told him he was working for ABRAHAM BROTHMAN, YAKOVLEV immediately asked if
he didn't know that this man was suspect, and then held his head and said,
"Oh my, why would you ever do such a thing". YAKOVLEV immediately parted
with GOLD and made no further arrangements for subsequent meetings with him.

The information furnished by GOLD above might well have been
the reason for the departure of YAKOVLEV from the United States several
months later.

Very truly yours,

HARRY E. KIMBALL
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- Confidential Informant T-1,
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

During interview 11/18/50 FASS reiterated ignorance of espionage or CP activities of THOMAS L. ELACK subsequent to 1933. FASS denied any CP or espionage activity on part of himself. Admitted meeting HARRY GOLD but denied ever meeting ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. As a result of publicity in BROTHMAN's trial, ELACK no longer associated with Spruce Chemical Company.

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DETAILS:

JACOB ISRAEL FASS voluntarily appeared at the Newark Office of the FBI on November 13, 1950, at which time he was interviewed by SA JOHN R. LYONS and the writer. FASS stated he had read newspaper accounts of the testimony of HARRY GOLD at the trial of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN currently being conducted in New York City. FASS pointed out that the name of THOMAS L. ELACK, an associate of FASS in the Spruce Chemical Company, Paterson, New Jersey, had figured prominently in GOLD's testimony as being the individual responsible for GOLD's introduction into Soviet espionage in 1935.

In view of the above, FASS explained that he desired to reiterate his ignorance of any behavior on the part of ELACK since 1933, which might be considered as subversive and farther to explain his own involvement and association with ELACK, GOLD and others.

It is to be noted that on July 17, 1950 FASS provided a signed statement in which he admitted learning from BLACK

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that the latter was active in Communist and Soviet espionage activities prior to 1933.

FASS repeated information previously obtained, namely that he met BLACK in approximately 1940 and has been closely associated with him since that time. He stated he has met HARRY GOLD on two or three occasions but has never met ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. FASS denied that he, himself, has ever engaged in espionage activities and denied first-hand knowledge of espionage activities on the part of BLACK, GOLD or BROTHMAN.

In connection with the testimony of HARRY GOLD concerning BLACK, FASS stated that until he receives proof otherwise he will assume that BLACK was truthful in telling FASS that he, BLACK, ceased all Soviet and Communist Party activity in 1933. FASS added, however, that BLACK's involvement in the BROTHMAN trial would cause adverse publicity to the Spruce Chemical Company. He stated that due to possible harm to the business and the company's affairs that BLACK's presence in the company is not advisable at this time. Therefore, according to FASS, it has been agreed that until BLACK's status has been clarified BLACK will stay away from the Spruce Chemical Company and temporarily sever connections with that firm.

Concerning the Spruce Chemical Company, FASS advised that since working at Paterson, New Jersey the chief source of income continues to derive from orders of PAUL A. DITTMAN, although additional business appears probable in the near future. He stated that little or no profit has been realized to date, the DITTMAN business being sufficient only to pay expenses.

It is to be noted that in June 1950 PAUL A. DITTMAN, 63 Main Street, Garfield, New Jersey, was vacationing at Winooski, Vermont where he was interviewed by SA FRANK C. WOOD of the Albany Office of the FBI. At that time DITTMAN stated that he met FASS and BLACK about two or three years previously when he was seeking a company to prepare chemical compounds on his order.

DITTMAN said he was well satisfied with the services accorded him by the Spruce Chemical Company and has continued to do business with that firm. DITTMAN explained that in early 1950 the Spruce Chemical Company moved from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to its present quarters in Paterson, New Jersey in order to handle the DITTMAN orders more expeditiously.

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DITTMAN stated he has never visited the homes of either FASS or BLACK and has had no social contact with either except for a few luncheons in the course of business contacts. DITTMAN said he regards FASS and BLACK as entirely reputable men, inasmuch as he has trusted them implicitly with his business, his valuable formulas, his letters from customers and their addresses and has never had occasion to doubt their complete dependability. He noted that he believes he is the principal customer of Spruce Chemical Company and in fact knows of no other customers, although he pointed out such might exist.

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[REDACTED] During the latter part of 1944 and during 1945 he was unemployed but spent considerable time with THOMAS L. BLACK engaged in chemical research at BLACK's apartment in Newark, New Jersey. FASS emphasized he did not reside in BLACK's apartment, although on occasion he may have spent the night there. o/s

FASS explained that at that time he and BLACK had planned going in business together, but their efforts in this regard were unsuccessful, BLACK subsequently obtained a position with the Berg Laboratories in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania whereas FASS tried unsuccessfully to obtain a job at Revlon Products, New York City. [REDACTED] o/s

After becoming associated with his uncle, LEON COOPER in Philadelphia, the latter provided funds in December 1946 for formation of the Spruce Chemical Company in that city. Various projects were launched in an effort to develop new chemical formulas but according to FASS none of them met with success. FASS said that BLACK was a consultant in these matters, the most important of which involved efforts to develop a use for tall oil ester.

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In this regard, he stated that a true Socialist is anti-Russian and although at one time he was tolerant toward Russia and the Communist Party he has been strictly opposed to both for many years. FASS denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party or of the Socialist Workers Party, although he said members of those organizations have been numbered among his friends.

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During interview on November 18, 1950 FASS emphasized that all he knows concerning HARRY GOLD has been obtained from THOMAS BLACK. Although he met GOLD on two or three occasions, FASS pointed out that those meetings were for short durations and that information concerning GOLD's activities has been obtained by him from BLACK. He recalls first meeting GOLD in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, New York City, in company of BLACK and MORRELL DOUGHERTY. He subsequently learned through BLACK that GOLD and BLACK were close friends but until GOLD's arrest, FASS had no knowledge of GOLD's espionage activities.

In recalling his association with BLACK during the past ten years FASS provided the following information concerning various mutual friends. FASS stated that he is not certain of the sources for his information but rather is relying on his memory to provide miscellaneous facts which he has seen or heard.

FASS recalls that BLACK often referred to FERDINAND P. HELLER as "a wild Bohemian." BLACK told FASS that HELLER was the first one to approach the Soviet, subsequently interesting BLACK. FASS said that BLACK told him never to discuss politics with HELLER, since the latter was probably still a Communist. FASS noted that in 1944 and 1945 BLACK was ostensibly a Trotskyite and appeared to be active in the Socialist Workers Party in New Jersey. In view of this, BLACK avoided discussions with HELLER.

According to FASS, it was during the above period that BLACK, HELLER and FASS had conversations relative to setting up a business. HELLER was of the opinion that the Parkarizing Process of the American Chemical and Paint Company was not exclusively patented and consideration was given to setting up business for that purpose. FASS said that VERA KANE was called in as a legal consultant in this regard, whereas a JACK ROZNER was contacted to perform as a salesman for the new firm. FASS stated that the whole deal failed to materialize due to several complications.



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FASS recalled that BLACK once asked FASS to obtain information concerning Vitamin B-1. BLACK explained that BROTHMAN desired this information for the State of Israel and had asked HARRY GOLD to procure the same. GOLD in turn asked BLACK, and BLACK subsequently contacted FASS. FASS recalled that BLACK made his request in the presence of FASS' family. Upon learning that the

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Vitamin E-1 information was desired by BROTHMAN, FASS questioned BROTHMAN's motives, whereupon BLACK dropped the subject and never pursued it subsequently. FASS reiterated he has never met BROTHMAN.

FASS said he was told by BLACK that HARRY GOLD could not get a job because he had testified in the 1947 Grand Jury investigation of BROTHMAN. FASS indicated that BLACK was therefore aware in about 1948 that BROTHMAN was under investigation by the FBI. According to FASS, BLACK conceded that BROTHMAN was a Communist and that Communists are capable of anything including espionage.

BLACK told FASS he had introduced GOLD to BROTHMAN in 1944 or 1945 when BROTHMAN was seeking a chemist. BLACK recommended GOLD who was then out of work, but BLACK himself declined. BLACK said he did not want to get mixed up with BROTHMAN, as the latter was a Communist. BLACK assumed BROTHMAN did not know BLACK had left the Communist Party but rather that he was still loyal to that organization.

FASS stated he learned that GOLD and BROTHMAN became closely associated and worked particularly long hours. According to information received by FASS

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Concerning GOLD, FASS recalled being told that BLACK had loaned money to GOLD to pay for an operation on GOLD's mother. FASS also heard that GOLD's brother, JOE, was lost during World War II and insurance money was paid to the GOLD family. After spending this money, the family learned that JOE GOLD had lost his memory and was safe in an Army hospital. FASS said that the resulting refund to the Government worked considerable hardship upon the GOLDS. It is FASS' understanding that JOE GOLD still has trouble with his memory.

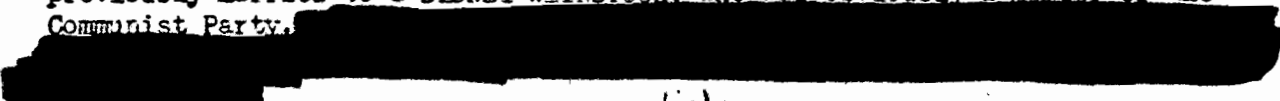
FASS mentioned he knew CORNELIA DOUGHERTY quite well through BLACK. He said he is certain that DOUGHERTY is not a Communist. He based his opinion of DOUGHERTY upon discussions he has overheard between DOUGHERTY and SARA HERSHER, in which DOUGHERTY's views were in sharp conflict with the Communist Party line advanced by HERSHER. FASS placed some significance in the fact that DOUGHERTY was once employed by a firm which produced colloidal graphite and that newspaper reports have indicated GOLD had peddled information concerning graphite to Soviet contacts.

As previously reported, FASS has pointed out that his cousin, SARA HERSHER, was undoubtedly a member of the Communist Party. He stated that one

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reason for his believing BLACK was a sincere Trotskyite lies in BLACK's apparently sincere disagreements with HERSHER. According to FASS, HERSHER was previously married to a SIDNEY W. INSTOCK, who was obviously a member of the Communist Party.



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Through his cousin, FASS stated that on two or three occasions he has met LEWIS MERRILL, an official of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO in Philadelphia. FASS explained that MERRILL had at that time been recently ousted from his position with the UOPWA in Philadelphia and S.R. HERSHER was taking an interest in placing him in another position. In this regard, MERRILL displayed some interest in the business activities of BLACK and FASS, although nothing developed therefrom.

FASS further recalled that BLACK had said he knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but that he, FASS, was not aware of the extant or reason for this association.



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It is to be noted that during a surveillance of THOMAS L. BLACK on June 17, 1950, two individuals identified as FLOYD H. HELLIE of Worcester, Massachusetts and MARY RICHARDS of Glendale, Rhode Island, were observed by SAs THOMAS S. LOVING and GUS M. MOORE visiting FASS and BLACK at the Spruce Chemical Company in Paterson, New Jersey. The report of SA EDWARD S. GORDON July 14, 1950 at Boston, Massachusetts in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK, Was. ESPIONAGE-R" reflects that both HELLIE and RICHARDS were interviewed on June 22, 1950 concerning FASS and BLACK. Both indicated that they had displayed some interest in going into business with FASS and BLACK for the manufacture of synthetic soap, mercerizing assistants and a catalytic agent to be used in soap in the washing of woollens or cottons. HELLIE stated that he is a salesman for the C. W. Berg Laboratories in Philadelphia, had met BLACK and talked of forming a new business. According to HELLIE, FASS was approached concerning use of the Spruce Chemical Company plant for this new

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endeavor while RICHARDS was contacted early in 1950 concerning participation in the new company. HELLIE and RICHARDS said that their discussions with FASS and BLACK on June 17 and 18, 1950 were along the above lines, but nothing had been concluded at that time.

During interview on November 18, 1950, FASS mentioned HELLIE as an individual with whom he and BLACK had discussed a new business venture. He pointed out that BLACK and HELLIE had known one another for two or three years through their employment by the Berg Laboratories. FASS stated that HELLIE has never been involved with BLACK except in a relatively few business matters and has found him honest, unsympathetic with Communist or Soviet activity.

FASS also brought up the name of BERTRAND PIDTO, whom FASS said was introduced to the Spruce Chemical Company about two years ago by HARRY GOLD. FASS stated that several discussions were held with PIDTO in which it was suggested that PIDTO take charge of the paint concession which FASS and BLACK hoped would be an outgrowth of their tall oil ester project. According to FASS, PIDTO was also contacted in regard to "cold wave" samples and the possibilities of marketing same. FASS said he was aware that PIDTO was associated in some way with ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. He said that nothing was ever concluded with PIDTO and the entire matter was dropped when the HARRY GOLD case became known.

On November 20, 1950 FASS telephonically contacted the writer to advise he had talked to THOMAS BLACK on November 19, 1950 as a result of which he was desirous of being interviewed. Accordingly, SA JOHN R. LYONS and the writer interviewed the subject on November 20, 1950 at the Spruce Chemical Company in Paterson, New Jersey.

It should be noted that during interviews of FASS conducted in the THOMAS BLACK case in July 1950, FASS was arrogant, self-assured and sharp spoken. During recent interviews, an abrupt change in his attitude has been noted to the extent that he is now apparently eager to cooperate and anxious to talk at length concerning his and BLACK's activities.

When interviewed on November 20, 1950 FASS had previously prepared detailed handwritten notes from which he provided the following information. These notes were made available to the interviewing Agents and are being retained as part of this file in the Newark Office.

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FASS prefaced his remarks on November 20, 1950 by reiterating complete ignorance of any behavior on his part that might be construed as subversive. He pointed out that recent developments in the BROTHMAN case and certain dissatisfaction with the business abilities of THOMAS BLACK led him on November 19, 1950 to question BLACK concerning past activities of which FASS held some suspicion. FASS stated he was motivated in this regard by his interest in the well being of the Spruce Chemical Company and a desire to be reassured that no harm would result thereto by BLACK's participation in that business.

FASS stated that in pressing BLACK for details about which he had never previously inquired, he asked BLACK's opinion concerning newspaper accounts of HARRY GOLD's testimony in the BROTHMAN trial. According to FASS, BLACK replied, "HARRY is wacked up. I introduced him to someone in Moscow but HELLER and I were thinking in terms of going to the Soviet Union to work. As for my being on his neck to join the Communist Party, that is a lot of nonsense. HARRY must be trying to make excuses so that he can look good."

In reply to further questioning, FASS said BLACK insisted that he had quit the Communist Party and espionage activities in 1933 and that after the Moscow trials in 1936 became a member of the Socialist Workers Party. During the interim, BLACK said he had broken with the Communist Party but was still loyal to the Soviet Union which accounted for his willingness to go to the Soviet Union directly to work even though reluctant to continue Communist Party activities in the United States. BLACK told FASS that HELLER was all set to go to the Soviet Union and during 1933 and 1934 BLACK and HELLER talked about it often in the presence of HARRY GOLD.

BLACK said to FASS that EARNEST STEINBERG, who had roomed with BLACK in the early 1930's, was unaware of BLACK's plans and activities at that time. FASS said that BLACK recalled a Russian who had visited BLACK in the hospital in 1938. FASS admitted that there was some reason to doubt that this would have occurred if BLACK had ceased all Soviet activities five years previously.

The following is extracted from the notes of JACOB FASS and reflects portions of conversations between FASS and BLACK on November 17, 1950:

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FASS: "Just how did HELLER get into this thing?"
BLACK: "He was unemployed and so went to Amtorg. There were no jobs here but plenty in Russia."
FASS: "How did they indicate they had work for you here, was it direct?"
BLACK: "No, they first asked what we knew, etc. They wanted to find out if we were willing."
FASS: "How did they know whom you should contact?"
BLACK: "Through the Communist Party--they have talent scouts."
FASS: "Why did ABE (BROTHERMAN) tell the FBI you are the chief of Soviet espionage in the U. S.? Does not such a statement imply he knows of these things?"
BLACK: "ABE hates me. HARRY GOLD had me up to see ABE--he was going to put up a penicilin plant in Russia and wanted me to go over to start it. I said I did not wish to be liquidated. Ever since, ABE considered me a Trotskyite since only a Trotskyite would have made such a statement."
FASS: "When you introduced HARRY to ABE, did they act as if they hadn't met before?"
BLACK: "Yes."
FASS: "Did HELLER know you were in the Socialist Workers Party?"
BLACK: "He found out from 'JOHN L.' (CHARLES FREEFIND). Let me tell you there was a lot of explaining after that."

FASS stated that BLACK was confident he had proved to the satisfaction of the FBI that he was not a Soviet agent after 1933. BLACK told FASS that the films of TROTSKY in BLACK's possession were proof enough, inasmuch as they were so valuable that any Soviet agent would have immediately turned them over to his Soviet superior. According to FASS, BLACK admitted to being guilty on the one count, that of failure to notify authorities when he learned of HARRY GOLD's participation in espionage with Dr. KLAUS FUCHS.

FASS emphasized that lacking definite proof to the contrary, he would be obliged to accept BLACK's remarks as true. He added, however, that he and BLACK agreed that until this matter is cleared up and BLACK's status clarified the latter will stay away from the Spruce Chemical Company and temporarily sever association with that firm.

Concerning the period during 1944 and 1945 when he frequently visited BLACK's apartment in Newark, New Jersey, FASS stated that in the interest of completeness he desired to list the names of all persons visiting the apartment or referred to in conversations, insofar as he could recollect. According to FASS, the presence of a Chemical Laboratory in BLACK's kitchen caused them to discourage visitors.

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The following names and comments appear in notes prepared by TSS:

FREDERICK P. HELLER

"Only saw about once in BLACK's apartment and once at VERA KANE's. HELLER visited BLACK several times at the time HELLER was married to DOROTHY WISWELL, but I was not present."

HARRY GOLD

"Came up once or twice to BLACK's apartment but I did not see him."

MORRELL DOUGHERTY

"I recall meeting 'Doc' (DOUGHERTY) in New York with HARRY GOLD."

HARRY DELALIAN

"Contemporary of above individual. Known to VERA KANE. Had telephone conversations with BLACK. Bossy. I recall Armenian customs during his marriage to KATHERINE. Did paint research (infra-red)."

MOE FRIEDMAN

"Roommate of BLACK at Penn State. I met him once in New York City Post Office. Cheerful. TOM saw him several times."

VERA KANE

"Visited at her hotel about twice with HELLER."

CHUCK (CHARLES WEBER)

"Recall during Greenwich Village days. Good guitar player. Moved West."

JACK (Probably JACK WEBER)

"Visited apartment one night. Next day drove TOM and me to Lake Hopatcong for SWP outing. During outing recall meeting JOE KUTCHER."

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OLIVIA (Probably LIVIA SAPELSTEIN)

Came often to BLACK's apartment. I recall her referred to as "mistress of the American Lenin."

GENIEE FREEFIELD

"Lived with TOM BLACK. SWP member."

ANNA FREEFIELD

"Ceaseless talker. I met her once at BLACK's apartment. I understand she visited there often."

BENJAMIN FREEFIELD

"Known as 'Bad Benny'. I last saw him in Naval uniform. Was supposed to be a weight lifter, but he did not look it."

DAVE ARMS

"Weight lifter friend of 'Bad Benny.' Extremely unintelligent. He and others were supposed to have once discouraged Coughlinites hecklers of the SWP."

MARTIN and HELEN FIELDS

"MARTIN's true name was MARTIN FREEFIELD. CP members. Frequent visitors to BLACK's apartment. FIELDS was a writer and associated with the theatre in some capacity. I performed as a witness at their wedding in Newark City Hall. Last known to reside in Hollywood. I have recently read that MARTIN headed the Defense Committee for the Hollywood 10."

Dr. HANK KAPLAN

"Possibly SWP. Believed he is related to cartoonist AL GAPP. Dentist in Jersey City, New Jersey."

BERNARD EDELSTEIN

"Social acquaintance and frequent visitor to BLACK's apartment."

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JOHN DOWNING

"Social acquaintance and frequent visitor to BLACK's apartment."

FRANK DZIEDZIC

"He and his sister HELEN were frequent visitors to apartment. Provided information regarding penicilin developments at Hoffman-La Roche—we were working on this for our own use. His niece, JENNIE, (JEAN NIEMASECK) did some typing for us."

MORRIS SILBERSTEIN

"Communist playwright. Visited apartment once to my knowledge."

MORRIS HELPRIN

"Introduced to me by MARTIN FIELDS who knew him as a playwright. Associated that time as an official of ALEXANDER KORDA Productions. Visited apartment once or twice."

DR. COPELEY (Probably Dr. LOUIS H. COPELEY)

According to FASS, Dr. COPELEY was an Osteopath, [REDACTED] and believed to be a friend of VERA KANE. FASS said he never met COPELEY but assumes that he learned of him from BLACK. FASS stated it is his impression that at one time COPELEY treated BLACK for an ailing foot. It is noted that the report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated November 21, 1950 at New York in the case entitled "VERA KANE, was. ES-IONAGE-F" sets forth results of interview of Dr. LOUIS H. COPELEY, 18 East 41 Street, New York City, in which COPELEY stated he did not know THOMAS L. BLACK.

As a further indication of the anti-Communist views of THOMAS L. BLACK, FASS stated he recalls breaking the news to BLACK and CHARLES FREEFIELD of the German invasion of the Soviet Union during World War II. FASS stated that the reaction of BLACK and FREEFIELD was one of excitement, amusement and almost elation but that there was no solemn pledge of support. He stated that it was obviously the "glee of an anti-Stalinist."

By telephone on November 22, 1950 FASS advised the writer that on November 20, 1950 he had talked to JOSEPH MULLEN, another associate at the Spruce Chemical Company. FASS stated that they discussed the future of Spruce Chemical Company and THOMAS BLACK's contribution thereto. FASS said that MULLEN was "fed up" with BLACK and pointed to the fact that BLACK is apparently "incurable of intrigue." FASS stated that MULLEN explained his remark by stating that BLACK is apparently "up to his old tricks again" not necessarily

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as regards espionage but that he is resorting to undercover and complicated means to procure and develop chemical processes for his own benefit.

F. S. S. stated that he and MULLEN were in accord that BLACK was a real "problem child" and agreed between themselves to sever BLACK's connection with the Spruce Chemical Company. F. S. S. added that BLACK has unfortunate personality traits, in that he is apparently unhappy unless in a crisis of some sort or embarked on some "wild chase of dubious value."

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Information concerning the interview of PAUL A. DITTMAN was set forth in the report of SA FRANK C. WOOD dated July 1, 1950 at Albany, New York in the case entitled, "THOMAS L. BLACK, Was., ESPIONAGE-R."

Copies of this report are being sent to Philadelphia, in view of the fact that they are origin in the cases of THOMAS L. BLACK and HARRI GOLD.

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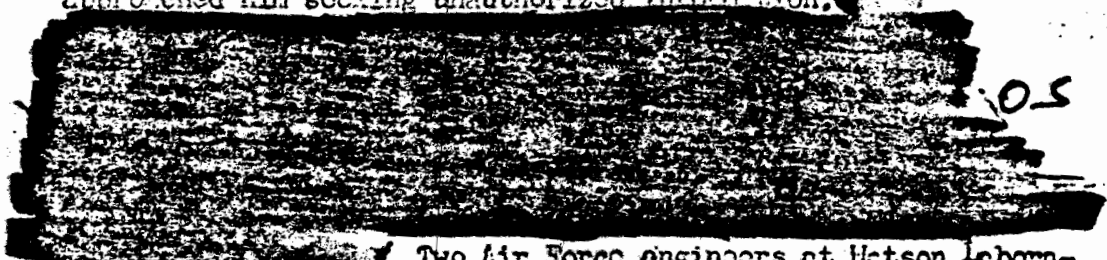
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: AARON COLEMAN interviewed December 2, 1950 and in a signed statement he advised he was acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG during their undergraduate days at CCNY, 1934 to 1938. He also advised that ROSENBERG admitted to him that he was a member of the YCL and attempted to recruit COLEMAN into Communism. On reinterview February 19, 1951, COLEMAN advised that he attended a YCL meeting with ROSENBERG in about 1937 in New York City but became disgusted with the meeting and attended no further Communist meetings. He denied past or present membership in any Communist Party organization and stated that neither MORTON SORELL, JULIUS ROSENBERG, nor anyone else had ever approached him seeking unauthorized information.



Two Air Force engineers at Watson Laboratories who were professionally associated with MORTON SORELL were unable to furnish any information indicating an association between COLEMAN and MORTON SORELL. Current pictures of COLEMAN obtained.

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TAILS:

On December 2, 1950, AARON HYMAN COLEMAN was interviewed at Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, his place of employment, by Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS and the writer. At that time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Bolmar, N.J.
December 2, 1950

"I, Aaron Coleman, make the following voluntary statement to John R. Lyons and Reginald C. Vincent who have been identified to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me for this statement and I know that it can be used in a court of law. I have been advised that I have the right of counsel.

"In September 1934 I started to go to City College of New York. During the course of my studies there, I happened to meet and become acquainted with Julius Rosenberg. During 1937 or 1938 I happened to take a course in Mechanical Engineering and Julius Rosenberg sat next to me in this class. He told me of the benefits of Communism in that they were helping the working people and doing something positive to relieve unemployment and poor working conditions. He also requested me to join the Young Communist League, of which he stated he was a member. I did not join the Young Communist League at this time and have never joined that organization. I have never belonged to the Young Communist League or the Communist Party.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief."

/s/ Aaron H. Coleman

"Witness:

John R. Lyons, Special Agent FBI 12/2/50
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The last paragraph of this statement is in the handwriting of AARON COLEMAN.

In addition to the above signed statement, COLEMAN advised that he was of the definite impression that NATHAN SUSSMAN, who was another classmate of his at City College of New York, was a Communist. He pointed out that this was only an impression, which impression was possibly obtained from seeing SUSSMAN participate in one of the Communist led demonstrations on the campus or from information told to him by other students. He said that SUSSMAN, unlike ROSENBERG, never told him he was a Communist or showed him any membership record to indicate such affiliation. He added that SUSSMAN had never approached him to join the Young Communist League or any other Communist organization.

COLEMAN by way of explanation advised that he divided his fellow students at City College of New York into three groups as follows:

1. Those who had been close friends whom he had known and lived near in Brooklyn, New York, most of whom he had also attended high school with.
2. Those whom he knew by name and with whom he had conversations of the day and perhaps one or two other discussions. He said that he would place MORTON SOBELL in this group.
3. Those whom he knew by sight only and among whom he might recall one or two names. He said that he would place NATHAN SUSSMAN in this group.

AARON COLEMAN was reinterviewed by Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS and the writer on February 19, 1951. He advised, as during the interview of December 2, 1950, that he met JULIUS ROSENBERG while both were undergraduate students at City College of New York during the period 1934 to 1938. He repeated that ROSENBERG admitted membership in the Young Communist League and on several occasions pointed out to him the advantages of Communism to the working people of America. The Subject stated that ROSENBERG attempted to interest him in joining the Young Communist League and that ROSENBERG was quite persistent along that line.

COLEMAN in addition advised that he did attend one meeting of a group which he believed to be a club of the Young Communist League. He

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said that the meeting took place in New York and that he believed the date to be in about 1937. COLEMAN then advised that he became disgusted with the proceedings of this meeting and never thereafter attended other meetings of the Young Communist League or of any other organization which he believed to be connected with the Communist Party.

With regard to MORTON SOBELL, COLEMAN advised substantially the same as he did previously in the interview of November 3, 1950. He repeated that he met MORTON SOBELL as a classmate at City College of New York and that with the exception of one or two school social functions he never knew SOBELL on a social basis. He said that during the period that SOBELL worked at the Reeves Instrument Corporation in New York City, he, COLEMAN, made a number of trips to that plant on official Government business. He stated that with the exception of one occasion in which he and SOBELL were members of a luncheon group, his only contact with SOBELL consisted of an exchange of greetings.

COLEMAN also advised that during this same period SOBELL also made a number of trips to Watson Laboratories, an Air Force installation located in close proximity to Fort Monmouth. COLEMAN said that these visits were undoubtedly concerned with contracts which the Reeves Instrument Company had with Watson and that during this period SOBELL was never a visitor to his home.

COLEMAN reiterated that SOBELL had never attempted to get from him any information which would be of an unauthorized nature and that SOBELL at no time made any attempt to recruit COLEMAN into any Communist organization. He said in addition that he does not recall SOBELL ever expressing himself in any manner which would indicate disloyalty to the United States Government.

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Mr. BARRETT said that KITTY, OKUN and COLEMAN were members of a close-knit group whose common interest seemed to lie in the fact that they all were from New York City and apparently had known each other there prior to coming to Fort Monmouth.

He added that he also remembered that JOE PERCOFF, another worker in the same branch during those years, was also a member of this group.

JACK OKUN

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He said throughout this tour of duty he was closely associated on and off duty with the subject and that during the period he never was aware of COLEMAN's engaging in any activity which would cause him to question his loyalty to the United States. Photographs of MORTON SOBELL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were exhibited to Mr. SHULTES, and he advised that neither of these individuals were known to him.

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Mr. LESLIE CORNELL, Chief, Ground Radar Guidance Branch, Watson Laboratory, Red Bank, New Jersey, advised that MORTON SOBELL started work as an Engineer with the Reeves Instrument Corporation of New York City in mid 1947 and that shortly thereafter he was assigned as Project Engineer on one phase of a contract which the Reeves Company was working on for the United States Air Force. Mr. CORNELL said that in connection with this assignment, SOBELL made frequent visits to Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, New Jersey. He said, however, that he was not aware of any association between AARON COLEMAN and MORTON SOBELL.

Mr. DONALD L. DAKAN, Radar Laboratory, Watson Laboratory, Red Bank, New Jersey, also advised that he came in frequent contact with MORTON SOBELL during SOBELL's visits to Watson Laboratories. He also advised that he was aware of no association between SOBELL and AARON COLEMAN.

Enclosures to Bureau: One photograph of subject and one negative.

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In this regard COLEMAN mentioned during the interview that he had accompanied BRENNER to General Electric but stated that he did not believe he had ever recommended SOBELL as an expert in the field inasmuch as he did not know SOBELL that well.

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During the same interview COLEMAN advised that he did not know ALFRED SARANT except by name and believed that he had heard the name as being a friend of HARVEY LEE SACHS whom he associated with at Fort Monmouth.

In addition to the information set out in the details as coming from ARON COLEMAN in the interview of December 2, 1950, COLEMAN was asked if he were aware of anyone who might be a social acquaintance of MORTON SOBELL or anyone with whom SOBELL may have stayed overnight during his frequent visits to Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, New Jersey. COLEMAN advised that he believed BEN ZUCKERMAN would be such an acquaintance.

He explained that during his visit to the Reeves Instrument Corporation in New York he had a conversation with SOBELL during which he mentioned that he was anxious to have ZUCKERMAN leave Watson Laboratories and come to work under his supervision at Fort Monmouth. SOBELL at that time told COLEMAN that he knew ZUCKERMAN was unhappy with his work at Watson and wanted to leave. COLEMAN said that he, therefore, deduced that ZUCKERMAN and SOBELL must know each other for them to have had conversations in which the above information passed.

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It is noted that COLEMAN previously advised that his only conversations with CORRAL at the Reeves Company consisted of exchange of greetings of the day.

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During the interview with Mr. LESLIE CORNELL, Chief Ground Radar Guidance Branch, Watson Laboratories, he advised that E. KING STODOLA is a former civilian employee at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and is now employed as a Radar Engineer at the Reeves Instrument Corporation, New York City, assigned to the same project as MORTON SOBELL with the Air Force. Referenced Newark report set forth that on September 17, 1950, the subject, accompanied by two other people, proceeded to the corner of Avenel and Long Branch Avenues, Long Branch, where they turned into a dead-end street and parked directly in front of the last house on the left hand side. The subject was not observed to enter the house; however, it was observed that there are no other houses in the immediate area which they could have entered.

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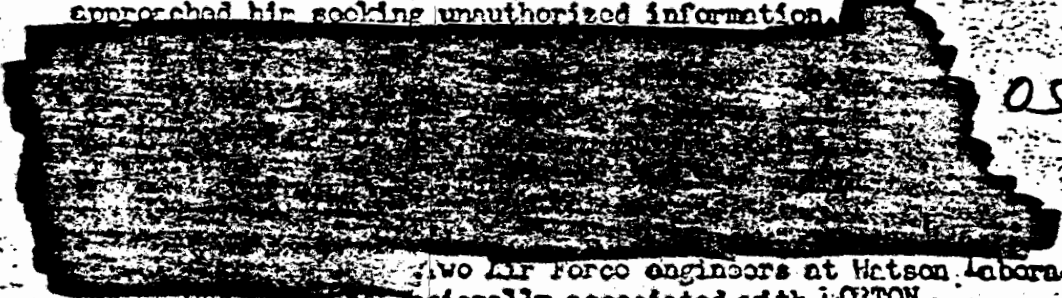
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TITLE AARON HYMAN COLEMAN		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

AARON COLEMAN interviewed December 2, 1950 and in a signed statement he advised he was acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG during their undergraduate days at CCNY, 1934 to 1938. He also advised that ROSENBERG admitted to him that he was a member of the YCL and attempted to recruit COLEMAN into Communism. On reinterview February 19, 1951, COLEMAN advised that he attended a YCL meeting with ROSENBERG in about 1937 in New York City but became disgusted with the meeting and attended no further Communist meetings. He denied past or present membership in any Communist Party organization and stated that neither MORTON SOBELL, JULIUS ROSENBERG, nor anyone else had ever approached him seeking unauthorized information.



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Two Air Force engineers at Watson Laboratories who were professionally associated with MORTON SOBELL were unable to furnish any information indicating an association between COLEMAN and MORTON SOBELL. Current pictures of COLEMAN obtained.

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DETAILS:

On December 2, 1950, AARON HYMAN COLEMAN was interviewed at Evans Signal Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, his place of employment, by Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS and the writer. At that time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Bolmar, N.J.
December 2, 1950

"I, Aaron Coleman, make the following voluntary statement to John R. Lyons and Reginald C. Vincent who have been identified to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me for this statement and I know that it can be used in a court of law. I have been advised that I have the right of counsel.

"In September 1934 I started to go to City College of New York. During the course of my studies there, I happened to meet and become acquainted with Julius Rosenberg. During 1937 or 1938 I happened to take a course in Mechanical Engineering and Julius Rosenberg sat next to me in this class. He told me of the benefits of Communism in that they were helping the working people and doing something positive to relieve unemployment and poor working conditions. He also requested me to join the Young Communist League, of which he stated he was a member. I did not join the Young Communist League at this time and have never joined that organization. I have never belonged to the Young Communist League or the Communist Party.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief."

/s/ Aaron H. Coleman

"Witness:

John R. Lyons, Special Agent FBI 12/2/50

Reginald C. Vincent, Special Agent FBI 12/2/50"

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The last paragraph of this statement is in the handwriting of AARON COLEMAN.

In addition to the above signed statement, COLEMAN advised that he was of the definite impression that NATHAN SUSSMAN, who was another classmate of his at City College of New York, was a Communist. He pointed out that this was only an impression, which impression was possibly obtained from seeing SUSSMAN participate in one of the Communist led demonstrations on the campus or from information told to him by other students. He said that SUSSMAN, unlike ROSENBERG, never told him he was a Communist or showed him any membership record to indicate such affiliation. He added that SUSSMAN had never approached him to join the Young Communist League or any other Communist organization.

COLEMAN by way of explanation advised that he divided his fellow students at City College of New York into three groups as follows:

1. Those who had been close friends whom he had known and lived near in Brooklyn, New York, most of whom he had also attended high school with.
2. Those whom he knew by name and with whom he had conversations of the day and perhaps one or two other discussions. He said that he would place HORTON SOBELL in this group.
3. Those whom he knew by sight only and among whom he might recall one or two names. He said that he would place NATHAN SUSSMAN in this group.

AARON COLEMAN was reinterviewed by Special Agent JOHN R. LYONS and the writer on February 19, 1951. He advised, as during the interview of December 2, 1950, that he met JULIUS ROSENBERG while both were undergraduate students at City College of New York during the period 1934 to 1938. He reported that ROSENBERG admitted membership in the Young Communist League and on several occasions pointed out to him the advantages of Communism to the working people of America. The Subject stated that ROSENBERG attempted to interest him in joining the Young Communist League and that ROSENBERG was quite persistent along that line.

COLEMAN in addition advised that he did attend one meeting of a group which he believed to be a club of the Young Communist League. He

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said that the meeting took place in New York and that he believed the date to be in about 1937. COLEMAN then advised that he became disgusted with the proceedings of this meeting and never thereafter attended other meetings of the Young Communist League or of any other organization which he believed to be connected with the Communist Party.

With regard to MORTON SOBELL, COLEMAN advised substantially the same as he did previously in the interview of November 3, 1950. He repeated that he met MORTON SOBELL as a classmate at City College of New York and that with the exception of one or two school social functions he never knew SOBELL on a social basis. He said that during the period that SOBELL worked at the Reeves Instrument Corporation in New York City, he, COLEMAN, made a number of trips to that plant on official Government business. He stated that with the exception of one occasion in which he and SOBELL were members of a luncheon group, his only contact with SOBELL consisted of an exchange of greetings.

COLEMAN also advised that during this same period SOBELL also made a number of trips to Watson Laboratories, an Air Force installation located in close proximity to Fort Monmouth. COLEMAN said that these visits were undoubtedly concerned with contracts which the Reeves Instrument Company had with Watson and that during this period SOBELL was never a visitor to his home.

COLEMAN reiterated that SOBELL had never attempted to get from him any information which would be of an unauthorized nature and that SOBELL at no time made any attempt to recruit COLEMAN into any Communist organization. He said in addition that he does not recall SOBELL ever expressing himself in any manner which would indicate disloyalty to the United States Government.

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Mr. BARRETT said that KITTY, OKUN and COLEMAN were members of a close-knit group whose common interest seemed to lie in the fact that they all were from New York City and apparently had known each other there prior to coming to Fort Monmouth.


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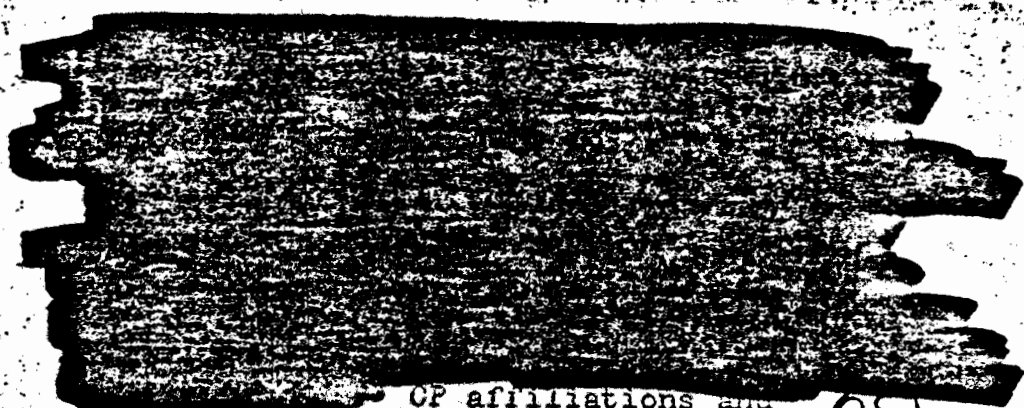
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



CP affiliations and association with members of the ROSENBERG espionage ring of KITTY and SACHS set out. COLEMAN recognized photos of JOEL BARR, MAX ELITCHER, MORTON SOBELL and JULIUS ROSENBERG as classmates at CCNY, but photos of other members and suspected members of this espionage ring mean nothing to him. Contacts of PERRY SEAY, whom COLEMAN visited often, identified.

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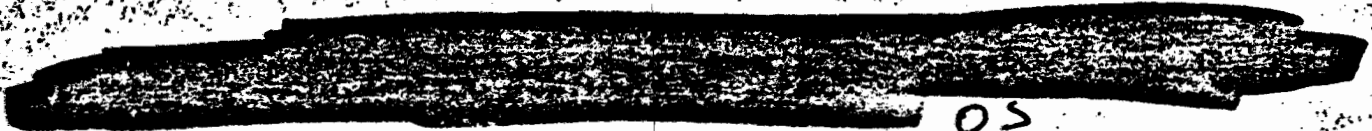
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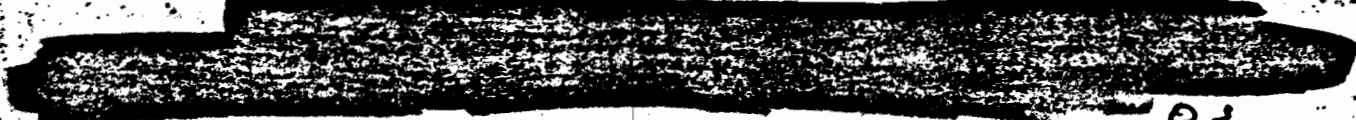
FRED KITTY was interviewed 4/5/51 by SAS JOHN O. MONTGOMERY and ROBERT L. LANPHEAR of the Baltimore Office, and he furnished the following signed statement:

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"I, Fred Joseph Kitty, make the following statement to Special Agents John O. Montgomery and Robert L. Lanphear who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement. I have been informed of my rights to refuse to give a statement and of my right to counsel.



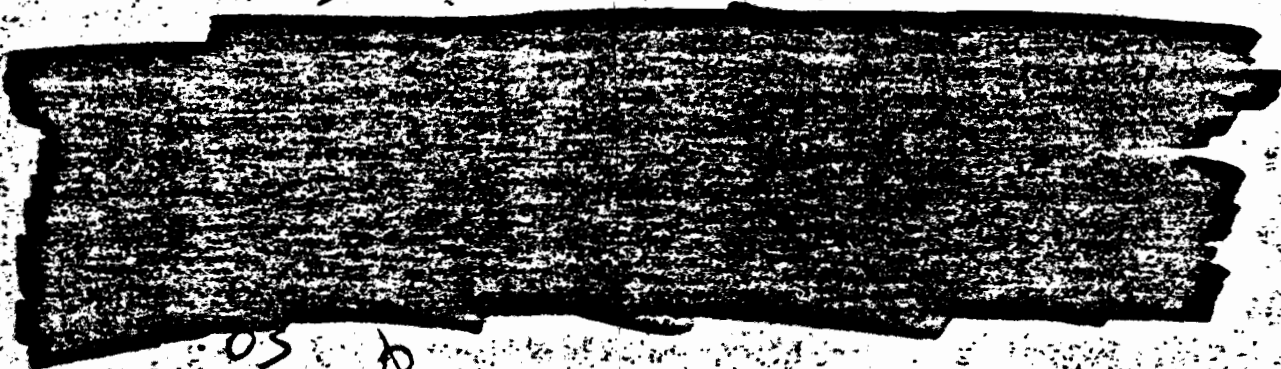
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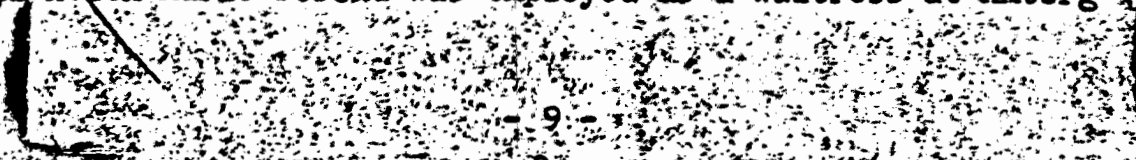


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"I met Helen Marie Soroka in New York City during 1940 at an IWO social function. She was then living with Anne Sidorovich, whose maiden name I don't remember, at 227 East 12th St. in New York. Sometime during 1940 or 1941 Helen Marie Soroka was employed as a waitress at Amtorg



"Trading Corp. I understand that she obtained this employment through her association with members of the Ukrainian Lodge of the IWO. It is my understanding that Helen Marie Soroka was also a member of this Ukrainian Lodge in the IWO.

"Sometime during 1941 I married Helen Marie Soroka and thereafter my wife and I resided with my parents who then lived at 231 East Thirteenth Street, NYC.

"I further recall that sometime during the period 1938 to 1940 I was introduced to Julius Rosenberg. As near as I can recall I was introduced to him at a chance meeting by a person whom I now believe to be Michael Sidorovich somewhere in the vicinity of 14th St. NYC. At this time I do not remember if there were other individuals present at this meeting. However, I do not recall ever having met Ethel Rosenberg. To the best of my knowledge, I never met Rosenberg other than this one occasion. I have no knowledge that Julius Rosenberg or Michael Sidorovich ever engaged in any espionage activities.

"I also wish to state that since my leaving New York in 1942 I have had no contact with either Ann or Michael Sidorovich, by correspondence, or otherwise with the exception of possibly an occasional Xmas card.

"With reference to one Alfred Sarant, whose photograph I have identified, I recall that he attended Cooper Union as a day student during the same period which I attended. To the best of my knowledge my association with Sarant was principally through our mutual work on the School paper. At that time Sarant attended day classes while I attended at night. Since leaving school, I have had no connection whatsoever, with Sarant, and have no knowledge that he ever engaged in espionage.

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April 5, 1951

"I have read the above statement consisting of four (4) pages and to the best of my recollection it is a true statement.

/s/ Fred J. Kitty

Witnessed by:
John O. Montgomery - SP. Agt. FBI, Balto., Md.
Robert L. Lanphear, Special Agent FBI Baltimore, Md.

The Baltimore Office reported that shortly after the date of the above statement FRED KITTY retained as an attorney O. JOHN ROGGE and upon his advice agreed to furnish the FBI with additional information concerning his past activities.

On 4/25/51, he furnished the following signed statement to Agents MONTGOMERY and LANPHEAR:

"Baltimore, Maryland
April 25, 1951

"I, Fred Joseph Kitty, make the following statement to John O. Montgomery and Robert L. Lanphear, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal

Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement. I have been informed of my rights to refuse to give this statement and my rights to counsel.

"I was born on September 18, 1918 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and resided in New York City from my childhood until I completed my school days at Cooper Union in 1942.

"I attended City College of New York from 1935 to 1936 and thereafter at Cooper Union from 1936 to 1942, graduating with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

"I recall that I became affiliated with the IWO around 1934. I joined the IWO in 1934 while living in Brooklyn and became affiliated originally with it through my participation in basketball. Lou Skelarsky, a high school student at that time, first interested me in this organization. In 1935, when I moved to Manhattan, I joined an IWO group there. I was a member of the group until about 1938. At the time I was quite active in athletic activities in the organization. During my affiliation with the IWO my best recollection is that I attended a convention as a delegate from one of the English speaking lodges, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1938. During part of that period I wrote a sports column for the New Order.

"I was not recruited, as I recall, into the Stuyvesant Club of the YCL, as it was a matter of just going down to a neighborhood club. My reasons for becoming affiliated with the Stuyvesant Club of the YCL at that time was due principally to the fact that I was out of work at that time and also the fact that the question of the Spanish Loyalist cause was a question which was fairly important to me at that time. I further recall that another of the neighborhood clubs of the YCL was called the Club Raven, which was located on the lower East side of New York, with headquarters on Avenue B. It is my recollection that Julius Rosenberg was associated with that club. From conversations I had with H. I. Sigman at that time, I formed the opinion that Julius Rosenberg was a member of this particular YCL club. It is my further recollection that Sigman was also a member of this club during

at pertinent period. At this time I recall that I was going to school at night and the club officials suggested that we attend the club meetings at Cooper Union in order that we could attend meetings sponsored by the YCL. I recall that the YCL club and that it is my best recollection that some of these meetings were held under the name of the Steinmetz Club. This name was a designation given the club in order that it would be possible to rent the rooms for the meetings off the campus. Some of the persons who were leaders in the Cooper Union YCL were Robert Schumaker and Dave Burton (phonetic). I honestly do not know how many people were in this club, but at the meetings that were held there were usually from five to ten people present. I terminated my affiliation with the YCL some time during 1941, which is also about the time I married.

"Some time during 1937 I met Joe Cicierska and Mike Sidorovich at a swimming pool in New York City. I got to know Joe pretty well. He was a radio ham. I think he was living on 17th Street at that time, which was fairly close to the pool. Shortly after this meeting I lost contact with Mike Sidorovich and it is my belief that this was the period that Mike went to Spain to fight for the Loyalist cause. I think Joe lived with us during 1938. He moved out in the fall of 1938 or 1939, around the time when Mike came home. Some time previous to Joe Cicierska residing with an unknown club of the YCL. Some time in 1939, when Mike Sidorovich came back from Spain, I became friendly with him and we attended social functions in and around New York City. Some time during 1940 Mike Sidorovich told me that he was attending a draftsman school, which was held by the FAECT, and further that Julius Rosenberg was also attending the same classes. I recall that some time during 1940 I was introduced to Julius Rosenberg. I believe I was introduced to him at a chance meeting by a person whom I believe to be Mike Sidorovich, somewhere in the vicinity of 14th Street in New York City. I do not remember if there were other individuals present at this meeting, however, I do not recall ever having met Ethel Rosenberg, his wife. To the best of my knowledge this is the only occasion in which I ever met Rosenberg and I have no knowledge that Julius Rosenberg or Michael Sidorovich ever engaged in any espionage activities. In connection with Rosenberg I further recall that while I was employed

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"at Woodhaven NYA project, with Sigman and Marcus Pigarsky (phonetic), who may be possibly identical with Marcus Page, I understood from the conversations with these two gentlemen that Mr. Pigarsky was acquainted with Julius Rosenberg.

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FRED KITTY'S background and Communist affiliation and that of his family has been previously reported.

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On October 10, 1950, the Federal Grand Jury, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, returned an indictment charging MORTON SOBELL, JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSENBERG, ANOTOLI A. YAKOVLEV and DAVID GREENGLASS with conspiracy to commit espionage by violation Section 34, Title 50, U.S. Code.

On 4/5/51, USDC, SDNY, sentenced MORTON SOBELL to 30 years and sentenced JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG to death for their espionage conspiracy activities.

ANN SIDOROVICH, 8706 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, wife of MICHAEL SIDOROVICH, on 8/7/50 advised agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that HELEN SOROKA KITTY, last known address 1617 Mussula, Towson, Maryland, was a close friend and associate of hers. ANN SIDOROVICH advised that she resided with HELEN during 1940 - 1941 and she recalled that HELEN had met and married FRED KITTY, a close friend of her husband, MICHAEL.

DAVID GREENGLASS, self-admitted Soviet Espionage Agent, and his wife, RUTH GREENGLASS, have advised that JULIUS ROSENBERG in January, 1945 informed them that ANN SIDOROVICH would be the individual who would probably contact

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in New Mexico to act as courier and secure information from DAVID GREENGLASS on the Atomic Bomb, which would in turn be given to the USSR. DAVID GREENGLASS further advised that SIDOROVICH were close friends of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

MICHAEL SIDOROVICH, 8706 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, advised agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that one FRED KITTY, possibly residing in New Jersey, was a close friend of his. MICHAEL SIDOROVICH has advised that he is a former member of the Young Communist League and fought in Spain for 14 months in the Spanish Civil War as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

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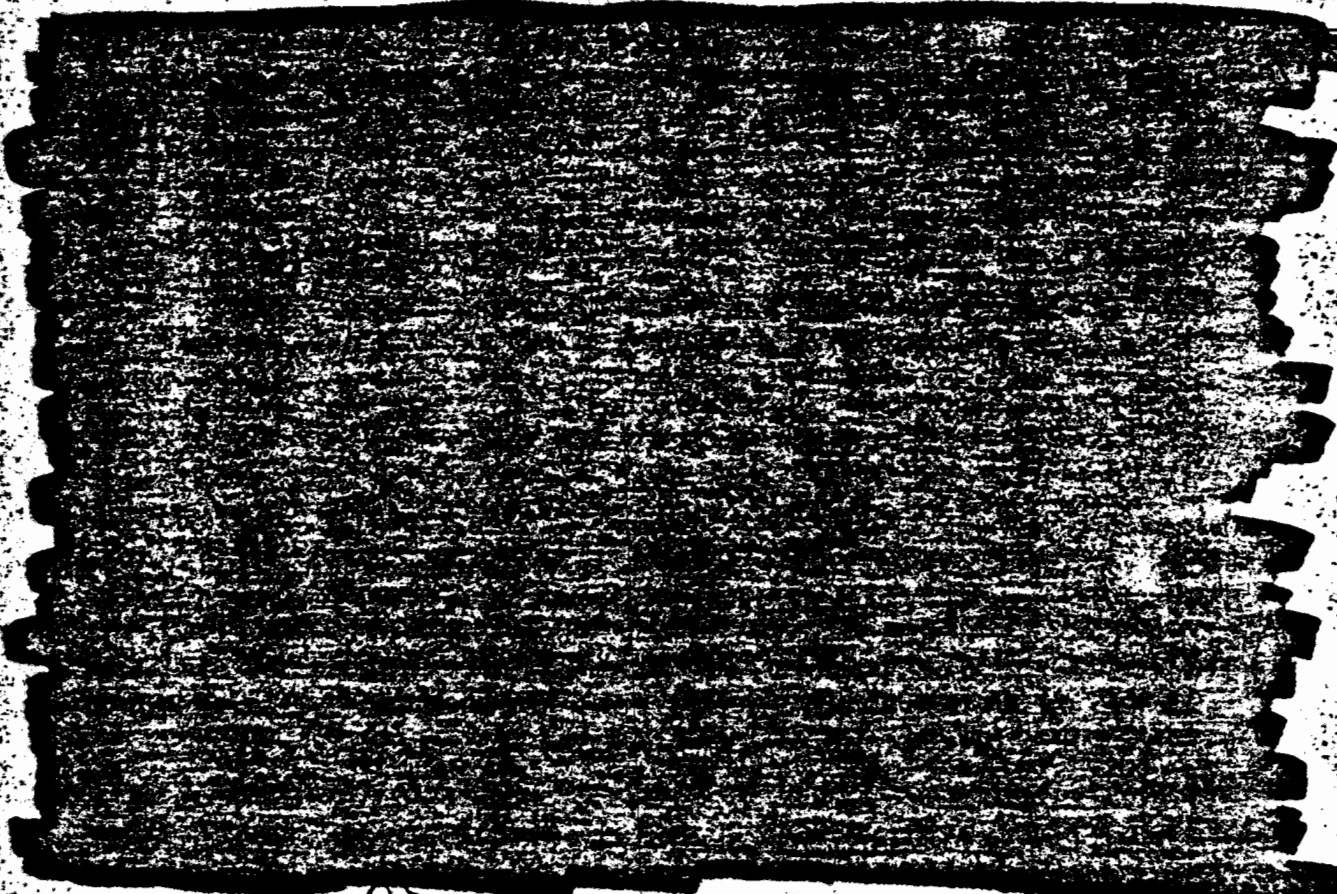
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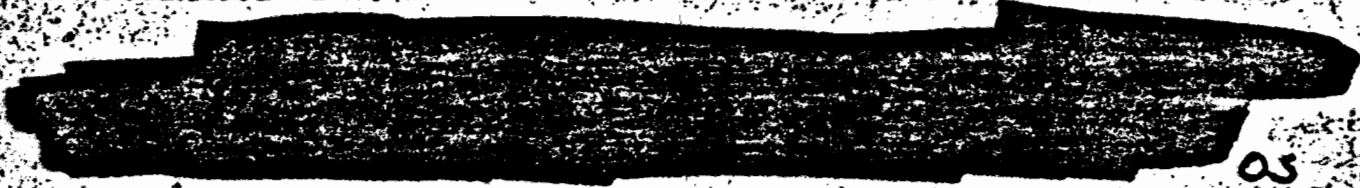
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IDENTIFICATION OF CONTACTS
OF PERRY SEAY

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Mr. ANDREW J. REID, Civilian
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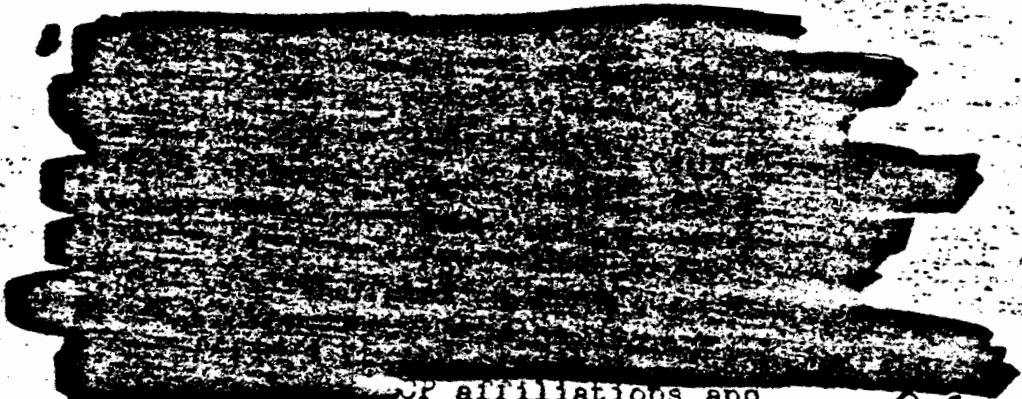
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April 5, 1951
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Witnessed by:
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Robert L. Lanphear, Special Agent FBI Baltimore, Md."

The Baltimore Office reported that shortly after the date of the above statement FRED KITTY retained as an attorney O. JOHN ROGGE and upon his advice agreed to furnish the FBI with additional information concerning his past activities.

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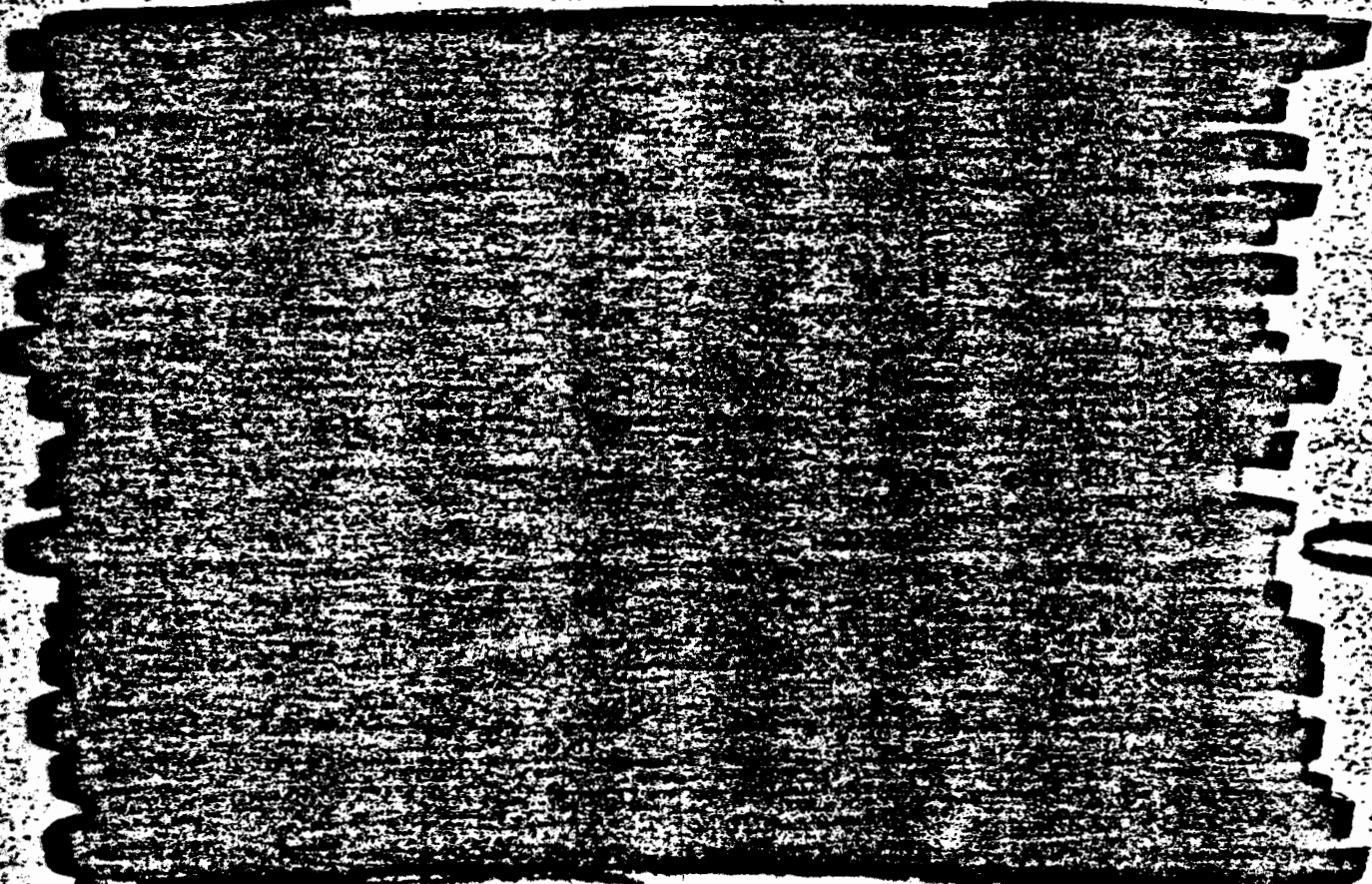
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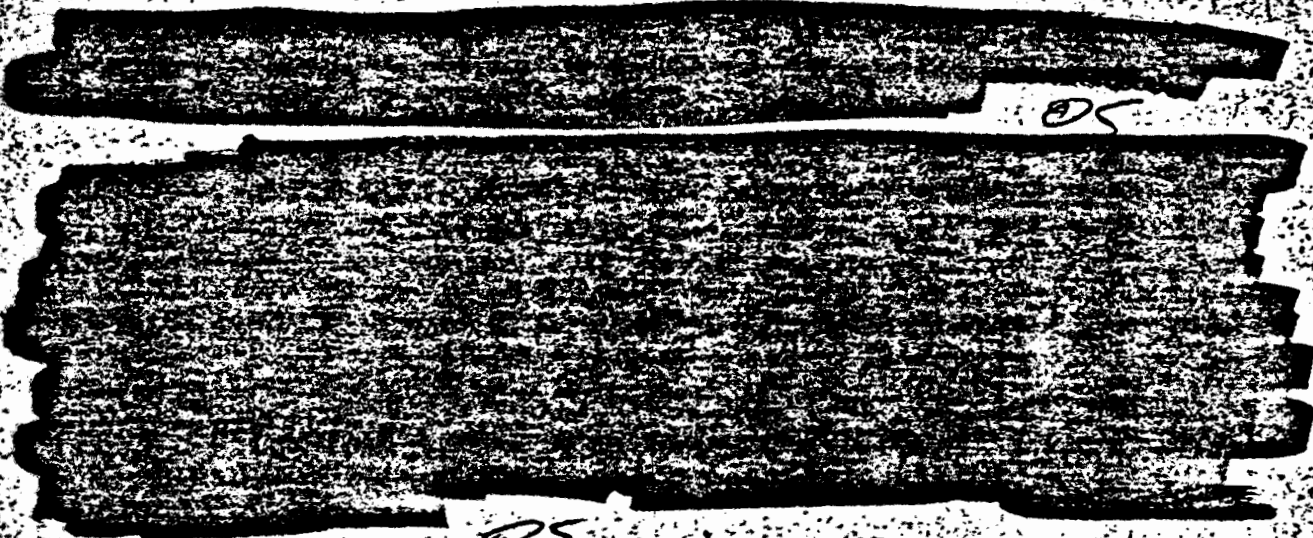
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MIKE SIDOROVICH
BETTY SANDERS
ETHEL ROSENBERG
DAVID GREENGLASS
MARK PAGE
WILLIAM PERL

COLEMAN identified the pictures of JOEL BARR, MAX ELITCHER, MORTON SOBELL and JULIUS ROSENBERG as former classmates of his during his attendance at the College of the City of New York from 1934 to 1938. His information concerning SARANT, ROSENBERG and ELITCHER has been previously reported. He was unable to furnish any information concerning JOEL BARR. The other photos meant nothing to COLEMAN with the exception of that of WILLIAM PERL which photo COLEMAN stated looked familiar. He could not, however, further identify the picture. The name ALFRED SARANT, COLEMAN had heard mentioned by HARVEY LEE SACHS and he had the impression that SACHS and SARANT were close friends. He also recalled that the name BENJAMIN LEWIS was generally associated with SARANT'S name when mentioned by SACHS.

Confidential Informant T-1, mentioned previously, advised that SARANT was employed as a Junior Engineer - Radio at Fort Monmouth, N.J., from September, 1941 to September, 1942.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONTACTS
OF PERRY SELY

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When MORTON SOBELL was arrested at Laredo, Texas, 8/18/50, on a conspiracy to commit espionage charge, he had in his possession a photostatic schematic drawing entitled "voltage to digital converter" dated 6/19/50 and initialled "PAS." It was determined and has previously been reported that these initials were those of PERRY A. SELY, an engineer employed by the Reeves Instrument Corporation, NYC; and on subsequent interview, SELY was unable to explain how this drawing dated subsequent to the last day of SOBELL'S employment at Reeves came into SOBELL'S possession. It is noted that the records maintained at Reeves Instrument Corp. for the period 1948 to August, 1950 reflect the AARON HYMAN COLEMAN visited Reeves seventeen times and that on nine of these occasions he signed in to see PERRY SELY.

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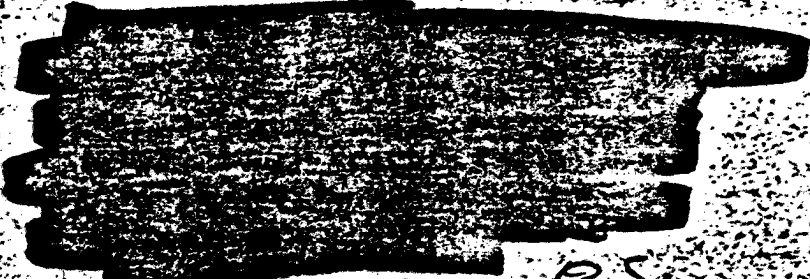

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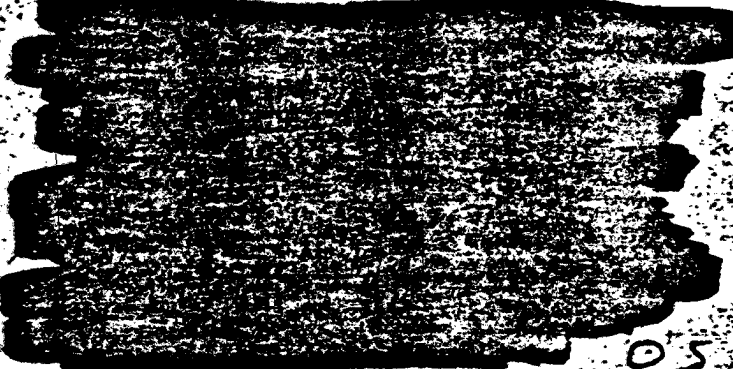

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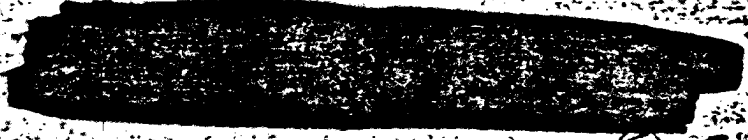
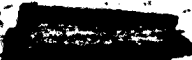


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Anonymous source. The original information being furnished to Baltimore in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 8/7/50 at New York in the case entitled "JULIUS ROSENBERG; ESPIONAGE - R" reported in the report of SA ROBERT L. LANPHEER, Baltimore, dated 5/9/51 entitled "FRED J. KITTY; ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950, FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT."



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Title	Character
AARON HYMAN COLEMAN	ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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This report was reviewed in connection with the Rosenberg Case. These paragraphs so marked on p. 1, 9, 10 & 11 are unclassified.

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On January 4, 1954, NATHAN SUSSMAN, a self admitted Communist Party member and Young Communist League (YCL) member, was interviewed at the NYO by SAs BERT S. TAYLOR and PAUL J. BLASCO. In connection with AARON COLEMAN, he advised that he recalled COLEMAN as a fellow student at CCHY during the middle and late 1930's and remembers him as being connected with the YCL while at CCHY. He recalled that as a result of a drive for new members for the YCL at CCHY during September, 1938, he believes COLEMAN was recruited into the YCL at that time possibly by JULIUS ROSENBERG. [REDACTED]

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SUSSMAN identified the following individuals as having attended one or more YCL meetings of either the "Main Club" or the "Steinmetz Club":

Class of 1938

- ABRAHAM LUBIN (Main Club)
- IRVING R. WEINGARTEN (Steinmetz Club)
- ALEXANDER BARKAS (Main Club)
- STANLEY RICH (Steinmetz Club) (SUSSMAN recalls that this individual wrote for the Steinmetz paper, "The Integrator")

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JOEL BARR (Steinmetz Club)
BENJAMIN KOTLER (Main Club) (SUSSMAN recalled that
KOTLER was a Spanish
Civil War veteran)

MORTON SOBELL (Main Club)
ALBERT SROOG (Main Club)
MORRIS SAVITSKY (Steinmetz Club)

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AARON HYMAN COLEMAN
ESPIONAGE - R

It will be noted that the case concerning COLEMAN was reopened as a result of information furnished by NATHAN SUSSMAN when he testified before the McCarthy Committee on 12/8/53, that subject was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) at the College of the City of New York (CCNY).

As a result of this testimony concerning COLEMAN, SUSSMAN was reinterviewed on two occasions concerning this statement, and he advised that he believed COLEMAN was recruited into the YCL during the Spring of 1938, possibly by JULIUS ROSENBERG. Upon being specifically questioned as to his basis for this statement, SUSSMAN could not recall anything specific. He stated that his assumption that COLEMAN was affiliated with the YCL at CCNY was predicated on the following reasons: The only individuals that he can specifically recall at CCNY were affiliated with the YCL or attended regular college study classes with him. That he has no recollection of COLEMAN attending college classes with him; therefore, COLEMAN was associated with the YCL.

Upon being specifically questioned as to his basis for believing that possibly JULIUS ROSENBERG recruited subject into the YCL, SUSSMAN stated he could offer no explanation other than the fact ROSENBERG was recruiting students into the YCL at that time. He further stated he knew of no association between ROSENBERG and COLEMAN. SUSSMAN could neither elaborate on this point, nor could he offer any additional information. SUSSMAN stated he could not recall any specific meeting of the YCL at which subject was in attendance. He claimed he could not recall seeing a YCL membership card for COLEMAN, nor could he recall seeing subject's name on any list identifying him as a member of the YCL. He further stated he could recall no conversation concerning COLEMAN in which COLEMAN was discussed or associated with the YCL.

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It will be noted that during an interview of COLEMAN, conducted by agents of the Newark Office, on 12/2/50, COLEMAN advised he was acquainted with JULIUS ROSENBERG, a former classmate at CCNY, in 1937 or 1938. COLEMAN stated ROSENBERG attempted to recruit him into the YCL at that time. COLEMAN also advised he attended one meeting of a group which he believed to be a club of the YCL in New York in 1937. COLEMAN stated he became disgusted with the proceedings of this meeting, and never thereafter attended any meetings of the YCL or any other organization which he believed was connected with the CP.

COLEMAN testified before the McCarthy Committee on 12/8/53, and denied that he had been a member of the YCL while a student at CCNY from 1934 to 1938. In testimony COLEMAN admitted attending one meeting of the YCL at CCNY at the request of his classmate, JULIUS ROSENBERG.

It is further noted that NATHAN SUSSMAN also appeared before the McCarthy Committee on the same date as subject and testified that he was a member of the YCL at CCNY, and further that JULIUS ROSENBERG and subject, among others, were members.

In this connection, interviews were conducted with the following individuals in an attempt to develop information regarding the allegation of subject's affiliation with the YCL: STANLEY RICH, DOCTOR JACK SHAPIRO and GERALD SMOLIAR. It is noted that the aforementioned persons are self admitted former members of the YCL at CCNY. Each has previously furnished information concerning YCL activities at CCNY, and have identified individuals known to them as being affiliated with the YCL. These individuals remembered COLEMAN as a student at the college, but could not offer any information regarding his being a member of the YCL or to have attended meetings of this organization.

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In addition, the following individuals, all of whom are former students at CCNY, were interviewed and advised they do not recall subject as a student at CCNY: WILLIAM DANZIGER, 817 Dogherty Avenue, Franklin Square, Long Island, New York; MAX FEINSILVER, 773 Manner Road, Staten Island, New York; MICHAEL KENT, aka ISADORE KOFISKY, 645 East 14th Street, New York City; MILTON M. KLEIN, 2690 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York; PHILIP KROHN, 2766 Barnes Avenue, Bronx, New York.

JOEL BARR

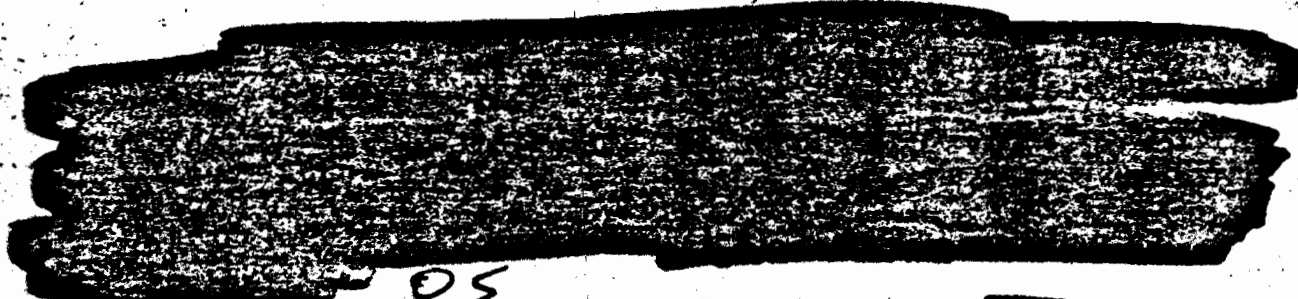
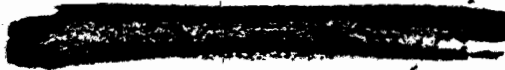
BARR was born 1/1/16 at New York City. He graduated from S.J. Tilden High School, Brooklyn, New York. He attended CCNY from 1934 to 1936 and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree.

Reference is made to the summary report of SA FREDERICK C. BAUCKHAM dated 8/20/51, at New York, entitled "JOEL BARR, ESPIONAGE - R", which contains information concerning CP activity on the part of BARR. It also contains information received from DAVID GREENGLASS, a confessed Soviet Agent who stated JULIUS ROSENBERG, a convicted Soviet Agent, told him that BARR was doing Espionage work for the Russians overseas and formerly was a contact of ROSENBERG'S in the United States. It is noted that BARR left the United States in January of 1948 for Europe and was last seen in Paris during June 1950. BARR'S present whereabouts is unknown.


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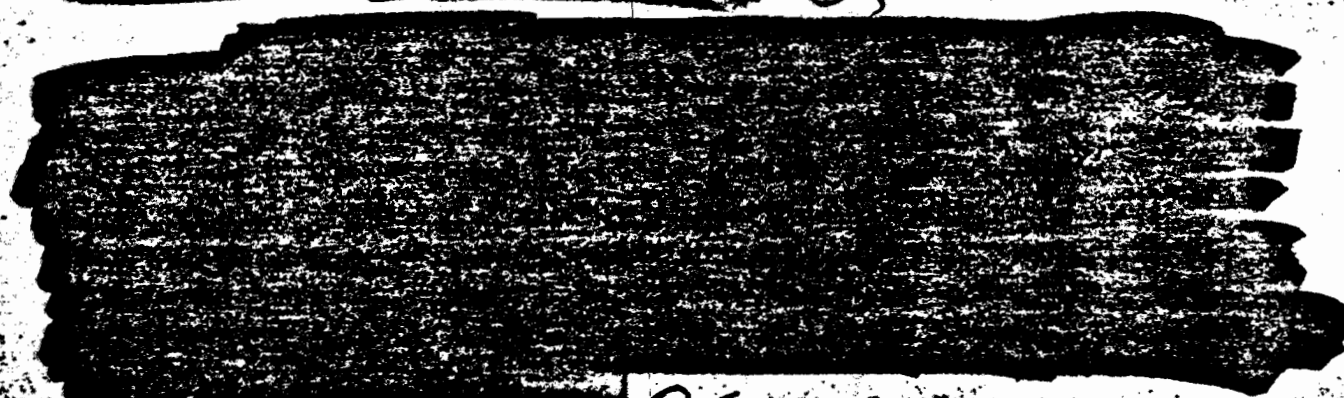
Concerning SOBELL it is noted that he was indicted on 1/13/51, by a Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of Soviet Russia. On 3/29/51, he was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. On 4/5/51, SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.



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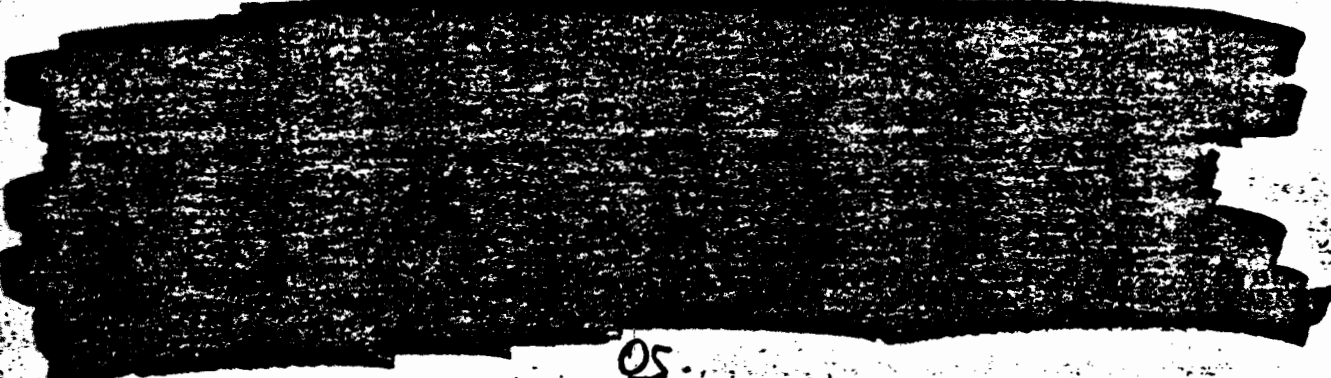
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MORRIS SAVITSKY, aka:
Morris Savitt

The records of CCNY reflect that SAVITSKY entered the college in February 1935, and graduated with an Electrical Engineering Degree in June 1939. SAVITSKY was born 6/25/19, at New York City, and attended Seward Park High School February 1932 to February 1935. The record indicates that SAVITSKY, after being discharged from the Navy on 5/7/46, had his name changed by court order to MORRIS SAVITT.

On 3/17/51, SUSSMAN advised that in the latter part of 1942 a branch known as the 16-B Club of the Industrial Division of the CP, USA was organized. SUSSMAN named as members of this group JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, JOEL BARR and AL SARANT. SUSSMAN further stated that SAVITSKY and his wife, SHIRLEY, had attended meetings of this CP club which were held at the home of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, 10 Monroe Street, New York City.


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Reference is made to the summary report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN dated 4/7/52, at New York, setting forth the CP activity of SHOIKET. This report includes information indicating that SHOIKET was reported to be a member of the CP in New York City during 1942, and to have attended CP meetings at the residence of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

In an interview by the FBI conducted at the Seattle Office on 3/26/51, SHOIKET advised he may have been a member of the American Student Union at CCNY, but denied that he had ever been a member of the CP or any Communist organization. SHOIKET stated he had no knowledge of any CP members at CCNY. SHOIKET stated to agents he was anxious to terminate the interview, and indicated he had no information to furnish the FBI in this matter. He stated that any information the Bureau had to the effect that he had ever been a member of the CP was false.

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Further, concerning HARKAVY, it is noted that GERTRUDE SUSSMAN, wife of NATHAN, advised on 11/29/50, while furnishing considerable information concerning the social visits of her and her husband with JULIUS ROSENBERG, advised that a person named GENE HARKAVI (ph) was also present at the ROSENBERG home when the SUSSMANS visited. She identified HARKAVI as a person living on the East Side, whom she believed went to CCNY, but was not an engineer. She thought HARKAVI worked in a personnel department for the Government.

The LGE investigation of HARKAVY indicates that he resided at 10 Monroe Street, New York City, from 1934 until 1939. It is noted that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG had also resided at 10 Monroe Street.

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STANLEY RICH

It will be noted that information concerning RICH is set forth in another section of this letter.

In view of the foregoing information contained in the Files of the NYO concerning the above-mentioned individuals, it is the recommendation of the NYO that they not be interviewed in this matter.

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In summary of the foregoing, it will be noted that interviews with STANLEY RICH, DR. JACK SHAPIRO, GERALD SMOLIAR, MILTON MANES, WILLIAM DANZIGER, MAX FEINSILVER, MICHAEL KENT, also known as ISADORE KOFKY, MILTON M. KLEIN and PHILIP KROHN failed to indicate any pertinent information bearing on the allegation that subject was a member of the YCL at CCNY.

In connection with the information set forth regarding the file review in the NYO pertaining to the 17 individuals listed as JOEL BARR through MALCOLM WOFKY, it is recommended that these persons not be interviewed due to the information contained in the files concerning them.

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